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The Honorable Tracy J. Owen  
Chairman  
King County Council  
B U I L D I N G

Honorable Members:

Attached please find Ordinance No. 1266, which I have vetoed this 22nd day of June, 1972.

It is indeed appropriate that the Council, should it choose to do so, appoint the Housing Authority to advise it in matters related to housing programs. I have discussed the intent of the ordinance with Harold Hopkins of the Housing Authority, who states that current and sometimes emergent information on housing legislation comes to his office and that it was his desire to see that the County get it in a timely manner in order to take any action which might be appropriate. Unfortunately, the terms "clearing house" and "community development," which appear in the ordinance, are words of art in HUD programs, and the ordinance as adopted would inject the Housing Authority as the County's agent with regard to many federal programs.

A review of law affecting the Department of Housing and Urban Development and a discussion with the regional staff of HUD indicates that the thrust of the ordinance would be to make the Housing Authority the review agent for federal grant applications for all hardware grants funded by HUD. These grants would include water, sewer, urban beautification, historic preservation, neighborhood development program funding, public facility loans, urban renewal activity, open space grants, and many other major public programs. Thus, the Parks Department, Planning Department, Public Works Department, the Executive office itself, might have to seek review and approval by the Housing Authority if they were to follow the policy guideline established in Ordinance No. 1266.

*Veto was not overridden. After 30 days ordinance was filed with Records & Elections. 7-24-72*

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The objective of review of programs implicit in the ordinance is already being performed in a more comprehensive manner by the Puget Sound Governmental Conference.

The advent of general and special revenue sharing will also pose problems in County housing and community development programs if the Housing Authority were the official County agency in those areas.

Finally, it should be noted that, although it may be desirable to have the Housing Authority more active in an advisory capacity, it is doubtful that delegating additional authority to a non-elected agency is consistent with the Charter design of reducing the number and authority of appointed boards and commissions and placing responsibility on elected officials.

Let me repeat that I see merit in the Housing Authority acting as an advisor and channel of communication to the Council and Executive departments. I hope that that goal can be reached in a revised, more limited document.

Very truly yours



John D. Spellman  
County Executive

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cc: Lee Kraft, Council-Administrator

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ORDINANCE  
NO. 1266

AN ORDINANCE relating to federally assisted programs for public housing and community development; adding new sections to the King County Code.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

NEW SECTION SECTION 1. The Housing Authority of the County of King, a public corporation, is hereby designated as the official office or agency in King County to serve as a clearing house for information concerning federally-assisted programs for housing and community development.

NEW SECTION SECTION 2. The Housing Authority shall obtain, assemble, correlate disseminate information concerning such programs and legislation or proposed legislation affecting such programs to officers and agencies in King County concerned therewith.

NEW SECTION SECTION 3. The Housing Authority in compliance to this ordinance shall obtain, assemble, correlate and transmit to the federal government and any of its branches, officers or agencies information concerning needs in King County for federal assistance and participation in the administration of federally assisted housing and community development programs in King County.

PASSED by the Council at a regular meeting thereof on the

12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1972.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Deputy John E. Sommer  
Administrator-Clerk of Council

Alphonse M. Foray  
VICE Chairman

~~APPROVED~~ this 22d day of June, 1972

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John D. Bellman  
KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE